



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Drug Enforcement Administration announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Martin Marquez was sentenced August 10, 2009, by the Honorable Judge Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge in Omaha, Nebraska, to 119 months imprisonment, followed by five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

On May 14, 2009, a federal jury convicted Martin Marquez of conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine. The Honorable Judge Laurie Smith Camp found Martin Marquez responsible for the distribution of 420 grams of methamphetamine during the conspiracy.

Name of Defendant: Martin Marquez

AKA:

Age: 45

City of residence: Gering, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Scottsbluff County, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Holdrege, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: more than 50 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Carolyn Russell and Robert Morimoto

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: as early as September, 2008, through November 1, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 23, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: December 23, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Jury Trial May 12, 2009 - May 14, 2009

Sentencing Date: August 10, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Magistrate Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: December 23, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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